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1. NABISCO REP MICHAEL IEETE REPORTS PACKING OF DATES FOR EXPORT HAS COME TO STANDSTILL IN KHORRAMSHAHR AS RESULT OF NEW IRANIAN INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS REGULATION. GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS NOW INSIST EVERY CASE BE CHECKED FOR INFESTATION. ACCORDING IETTE,

THIS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE NABISCO ALONE BUYING MORE THAN 100,000 CASES. EXPORTERS HAVE CEASED PACKING OPERATIONS AND ARE APPEALING TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMY TEHRAN FOR RELAXATION OF RULING. EXPORTERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TAX PROBLEMS SAME MEETING.

2. NEW RULING EVIDENTLY RESULTS FROM BUYER COMPLAINTS LAST YEAR (NOT NABISCO) THAT IRANIAN DATES HAD HIGH INFESTATION RATE. THIS MAY BE SO, BUT NEITHER LEETE NOR BUYERS FEEL CASE BY CASE CHECK IS ANSWER. EXPECT REGULATION WILL BE CANCELLED SOON. WILL ADVISE IF FURTHER COMPLICATIONS.
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